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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 22: WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. THE THIRD COMMITTEE AT ITS FINAL SESSION APPROVED WITHOUT A VOTE OR DEBATE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AS SUBMITTED BY FINLAND, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SWEDEN, TANZANIA, US, VENEZUELA AND YUGOSLAVIA:

QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

NOTING THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN CONVENED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR EIGHT WORKING DAYS, BEGINNING ON 12 JULY 1979,

CONSCIOUS OF THE DISTRESSING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHERE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION LIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EXTREME POVERTY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1967 (LIX) OF 30 JULY 1975 ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOLUTION 1978/34 OF 5 MAY 1978 ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

AWARE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS THE WORLD CONFERENCES ON OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN RECENT YEARS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AND HAS AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

- 1. ENDORSES THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD RESULT IN WELL-DEFINED AND ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE AGRARIAN REFORM, INVESTMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS, INCREASE PRODUCTION AND RAISE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STANDARDS OF THE RURAL POPULATION;
- 2. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE;

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- 3. AFFIRMS THAT THE INTER-AGENCY APPROACH TO POVERTY-ORIENTED RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD RESULT IN AN IMPORTANT SYSTEM-WIDE INPUT FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT;
- 4. WELCOMES THE ACTION TAKEN BY A GREAT NUMBER OF STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFERENCE BY PRESENTING COUNTRY REVIEW PAPERS ANALYSING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND OUTLINING THEIR FUTURE PROGRAMMES IN THIS FIELD;
- 5. URGES ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
  OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL
  ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE, TO ARRANGE REPRESENTATION AT A HIGH LEVEL TAKING
  INTO ACCOUNT THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHARACTER OF THE SUBJECT MATTER, AND TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION IN THEIR
  NATIONAL DELEGATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE BODIES, FOR EXAMPLE
  FARMERS', RURAL WORKERS' AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.
  END QUOTE. SORENSON

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